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To: Rockville Civic Organizations

For a number of years the City of Rockville has received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through a Cooperation Agreement with Montgomery County. The Community Development Block Grant Program is a federal grant for housing and community development projects, which must benefit low and/or moderate-income persons. The amount of money Rockville receives is based upon the number of low/moderate income persons living in the city. According to preliminary calculations, Rockville is projected to receive \$300,000 in CDBG funding for Fiscal Year 2011. That amount is, however, subject to the amount of CDBG funds appropriated by Congress and the amount of CDBG Funds received by Montgomery County.

It should be noted that federal CDBG regulations allow a maximum of only 15% of the annual grant to be allocated to public service programs. Public services include, but are not limited to, those programs concerned with employment, crime prevention, childcare, health care, drug abuse programs, education, mental health, energy conservation, welfare or recreation.

CDBG funds are used in Rockville to make improvements to our neighborhoods. They are available to finance new projects as well as to support ongoing programs, such as Rockville's Home Rehabilitation Loan and Grant Program.

The time is coming for decisions to be made for the allocation of CDBG funds and the City is inviting proposals for their use. Citizens and organizations may voice their opinions on proposals at a Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2009. Anyone wishing to speak at this hearing should register with the City Clerk by calling 240-314-8280 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Testimony will be limited to three minutes for an individual citizen and five minutes for an association or organization.

Applications are available at the Department of Community Planning and Development Services. Written CDBG proposals should be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development Services no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, November 2, 2009. They should be addressed to:

City of Rockville
Department of Community Planning and Development Services
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

The proposals will be reviewed and prioritized by City staff and forwarded, with recommendations, to the Mayor and Council for review and approval.

Attached is a fact sheet that will explain the types of proposals that will be eligible or ineligible for CDBG funding.

For further information, call the Department of Community Planning and Development Services at 240-314-8200.